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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PUBLIC THEMES FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT
TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

1. THE FOLLOWING THEMES AND SUGGESTIONS ARE OFFERED FOR
POSSIBLE UTILIZATION IN DRAFTING TOASTS, ARRIVAL STATEMENTS,
ETC. FOR THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:

2. POSITIVE THEMES:

--- COMMON COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND
FREE ELECTIONS (NOTE: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ALSO HAD
ITS MOST RECENT NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN
THE FALL OF 1976).
--- COMMON COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS (INCLUDING INDEPENDENT
JUDICIARY AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PRESS)
--- COMMON LANGUAGE AND HERITAGE OF FREE INSTITUTIONS
--- RELIANCE ON INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE
--- COMMITMENT TO PEACE, FREEDOM, AND INDEPENDENCE
--- LEGENDARY FRIENDLINESS AND HOSPITALITY OF
TRINIDAD (NOTE: MUST BE DISTINGUISHED FROM
TOURISM, SINCE TRINIDAD DOES NOT THINK OF
ITSELF AS PRIMARILY A TOURIST NATION AND IS
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PROUD THAT IT IS NOT DEPENDENT UPON TOURISM AS
ARE MANY OF THE SMALLER ENTITIES IN THE
CARIBBEAN.)
--- COMMITMENT TO GOAL OF MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA
--- DYNAMIC CONTRIBUTION OF FREE ENTERPRISE.
--- TRINIDAD'S MAJOR ENERGY-BASED INDUSTRIALIZATION

PROGRAM (NOTE: THERE IS SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPATION BY AND CONTRACTS WITH AMERICAN INDUSTRY IN CONFORMITY WITH GOTT REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT-VENTURE INVESTMENT AND MAJORITY LOCAL PARTICIPATION)

--- TRINIDAD HAS NOT ONLY TALKED ABOUT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER BUT IS ACTIVELY DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT THROUGH USING ITS OIL REVENUE TO BRING THE MOST SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY IN STEEL, ALUMINUM, AND PETROCHEMICALS TO TRINIDAD AS PART OF ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

--- TRINIDAD AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE POSITIVE MIXTURE AND HARMONIZATION OF RACES AND PEOPLES FROM MANY ORIGINS INTO DYNAMIC LOCAL MOSAIC; MULTI-RACIAL CHARACTER OF BOTH OUR SOCIETIES

--- COMMITMENT TO CONSULT ON ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN

--- DEDICATION OF BOTH NATIONS TO CONCLUSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE LAW OF THE SEA TREATY

--- RICHNESS OF OUR MUTUAL CULTURAL INTERCHANGE

--- TRINIDAD CARNIVAL (NEXT TO RIO THE MOST LAVISH AND BEST KNOWN IN THE HEMISPHERE, YET STILL A FESTIVAL OF ALL THE PEOPLE AND NOT OF EXCLUSIVE GROUPS)

--- MANY AMERICANS FIRST FELL IN LOVE WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND THEIR HOSPITABLE PEOPLES DURING WORLD WAR II WHEN THE U.S. ARMY AND NAVY HAD IMPORTANT BASES HERE. WE ARE PLEASED THAT TODAY, HOWEVER, OUR COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE ARE FOCUSED ON PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT INSTEAD OF WAR.

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3. PERSONAL NOTES:

PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS LAST VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN FEBRUARY 1975, AT WHICH TIME HE MET WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON. HE HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY MET SECRETARY VANCE.

PRESIDENT CLARKE WAS TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES AND FILLED THAT POST IN WASHINGTON FOR ELEVEN YEARS. SUBSEQUENTLY HE BECAME GOVERNOR GENERAL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND IN 1976 FOLLOWING PROMULGATION OF THE REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION BECAME HIS NATION'S FIRST PRESIDENT. HE LAST VISITED THE UNITED STATES QUIETLY IN MAY 1977 TO ATTEND THE GRADUATION OF HIS ONLY DAUGHTER AT THE COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE, NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK.

4. PROMINENT AMERICAN CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF TRINIDADIAN ORIGIN:

--- LT. GOVERNOR MERVYN DYMALLY OF CALIFORNIA;
ELECTED LT. GOVERNOR IN 1974 BY LARGER STATEWIDE
MARGIN THAN EVEN GOVERNOR BROWN.
--- KENNISTON MCSHINE: CURATOR OF ART AND SCULPTURE
OF THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART IN NEW YORK CITY
--- CHRISTIAN HOLDER: PREMIER MALE DANCER WITH THE
JOFFREY BALLET
--- GEOFFREY HOLDER: PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR OF "WIZ,"
THE HIT MUSICAL SHOW CURRENTLY PLAYING ON
BROADWAY.

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5. ORIGINAL TRINIDADIAN CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS:
THE FOLLOWING POPULAR CULTURE FORMS ORIGINATED IN TRINIDAD:
--- STEEL BAND ("PAN") MUSIC
--- CALYPSO MUSIC
--- THE LIMBO DANCE

6. ARCANAS:
--- JOHN PAUL JONES LIVED ON TOBAGO AS MERCHANT
AND SHIP CAPTAIN FOR THREE YEARS SHORTLY BEFORE
THE FORMATION OF THE CONTINENTAL NAVY.

7. POSSIBLE PARAGRAPHS FOR USE:
QUOTE: I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR COUNTRIES ARE TOGETHER
EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGES AHEAD. TOGETHER, WE CAN
CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR REALISTIC WAYS TO REDUCE
INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND MAINTAIN GLOBAL STABILITY.
TOGETHER WE CAN HELP TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF ENERGY
AND FOOD THAT STUBBORNLY IMPEDE PROGRESS IN SATIS-

FYING THE CRITICAL NEED FOR BALANCED DEVELOPMENT
THROUGHOUT THE REGION. AND TOGETHER WE CAN STRIVE TO
PRESERVE AND EXPAND THE HUMAN RIGHTS ON WHICH OUR
SOCIETIES ARE SO FUNDAMENTALLY BASED.
QUOTE: STEADY AND BALANCED INDUSTRIAL GROWTH,
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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW TRADING EQUILIBRIA, AND
IMPROVED AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY ARE VITAL PRIORITIES IN THIS HEMISPHERE.
QUOTE: FOR OUR PART WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR
UTMOST TO EXPAND YOUR ACCESS TO UNITED STATES MARKETS
AND TO CONSULT ON POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY
ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN. WITH REGARD FOR OUR
HISTORIC BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP, BUT WITH RESPECT FOR
OUR DIVERSITY, WE IN THE AMERICAS CAN MOVE CONFIDENTLY
TO PROMOTE OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES AND AT THE SAME TIME
SET AN EXAMPLE FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION.

QUOTE: I THEREFORE PROPOSE A TOAST: TO THE FUTURE
OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TO THE FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD
WILL THAT WE HAVE SO LONG SHARED, AND TO HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. UNQUOTE

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